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THE STRIKE AVERTED.

Had it not been for prompt action on the part of Congress in passing a bill providing for an eight-hour day for railroad employes four hundred thousand operatives would have gone out on a strike tomorrow and transportation lines throughout the entire country would have been tied up. The bill however was passed by the House and immediately thereafter went to the Senate.

Had the strike become effective the rail magnates would have been responsible, as the operatives evinced a laudable desire to effect an amicable settlement, having readily agreed to the plan suggested by President Wilson, which, as any fair-minded man will agree, was just and equitable. The railway heads, however, refused to accept this plan, and the strike order followed as an inevitable result.

It is generally agreed that there is something more than the mere question of wages and hours of work behind the action of the rail magnates in refusing to effect an amicable adjudication of the differences with their employes. It is believed that the heads of the railroad system wanted some national catastrophe to embarrass the Democratic administration, and for this reason, more than for any other, declined to accept the plan for settlement as outlined by President Wilson. It is a well known fact that all the great railway systems of the country, including those which penetrate the South, are owned by men who live north of Mason and Dixon's line, and as most of these men are Republicans they seized with avidity the opportunity which the strike offered to discredit the Democratic administration.

A perspicacious individual can readily see the object in view. The Republicans had nothing which they could bring against President Wilson, and, being absolutely without an issue in the pending political campaign, they proceeded to manufacture one. One of the most potent reasons on which President Wilson bases his claim that he should be retained in office is that he has not only kept the nation out of war but has kept the people prosperous, and so far the Republicans have been unable to successfully combat this contention. With the nation in the throes of a great strike, however, deprivation and suffering will naturally follow, and Republicans speilors would have seized with avidity upon the opportunity to tell the people that the Democrats were responsible for the hard times.

Of course this contention is illogical, and no thoughtful person will accept it; but men who are hungry and penniless seldom stop to philosophize, and it will be no difficult matter to persuade those who are compelled to undergo suffering as a result of the strike that the Democratic party is responsible for their discomure, ministration as their theme.

A DETERIORATION IN FICTION.

Magazine readers have for some time past noted a marked deterioration in fiction, and this deterioration has become so general during the past few months as to make the periodicals hardly worth reading.

Numerous short story writers have adopted the method inaugurated by the late O. Henry,

who gained his popularity largely by giving his stories what is known in literary circles as a "punch," that is ending them in an unexpected manner and paying little attention to their general construction. Many of the writers of the present day are either densely ignorant or inexcusably careless, as their stories are not only thrown together in a clap-trap manner but abound in solecisms and tautologies.

There are a few contemporary writers including Booth Tarkington, Charles E. Van Loan and perhaps half a dozen others who still turn out readable fiction, but most of the stories appearing in current magazines are so poor that it is a waste of time to read them.

POLITICAL PROGNOSTICATIONS.

A recent press dispatch from Washington contains some political prognostications which, were they founded on a logical basis, would be exceedingly interesting to Mississippians. The predictions, however, include one to the effect that Hon. John Sharp Williams is to retire from the Senate at the expiration of the term for which he was recently nominated, and as we have no idea that he has any such intention we are inclined to place little confidence in any of the remaining predictions contained in the dispatch, as they are based almost solely on the Senator's alleged contemplated retirement.

The correspondent seizes upon the recent visit of Governor Bilbo to the national capital as an opportunity to send out the story referred to, and in it he states that there is a plan mapped out whereby Senator Williams is to retire from office at the conclusion of his term, that Hon. Pat Harrison, who represents the coast district in Congress, is to succeed him and that Bilbo in turn will succeed Mr. Harrison. We have no doubt that Bilbo will be a candidate for Congress from the coast district, as the fact that he has recently made arrangements to take up his residence in Biloxi indicates that this is his intention; but that Mr. Williams will retire from the Senate or that Mr. Harrison has aspirations to succeed him is extremely unlikely.

Senator Williams, who is in the prime of life, is generally recognized as one of the brainiest men not only in the Senate but in the Democratic party, and the idea of his retirement at any date in the near future is so apocryphal as to be unworthy of serious consideration. He is close to President Wilson and has taken a conspicuous part in securing the adoption of many salutatory laws that have been enacted during the present administration. His retirement from public life would be a calamity, and even should he announce his intention to quit the Senate, which is extremely unlikely, his constituents would undoubtedly petition him to reconsider the matter and to again give them the privilege of attesting by their votes that they appreciate his services and desire to keep him in office.

NOT GOING TO AFRICA.

Colonel Roosevelt has denounced as a pure fake the report that he will take to Africa immediately after the Presidential election. The Colonel has determined to face the results with a brave heart, conscious that he could have done better had he been given the opportunity.

In the meantime, there is plenty of big game in American politics. The Colonel will fire seven times and if he hits onthing, abandon the quarry to that doughty huntsman, Charles E. Hughes, whose method of approach, like that of the felis domestica, gives him the advantage of surprise.—Meridian Dispatch.

Press dispatches state that Justice Hughes is enjoying mountain climbing in Colorado, but he'll not be able to climb over the mountain of ballots which the people of the country are going to pile up for President Wilson at the polls next November.

Infantile paralysis has paralyzed the Sunday schools in New York and vicinity, and many of them have been forced to suspend on account of the epidemic.

ODDS AND ENDS.

In about fifteen years Argentina has troubled its area of cultivated land.

The government of Chile has authorized the erection of a technical industrial school.

A machine has been invented for reinking typewriter and adding machine ribbons.

A rack that can be hung on a radiator enables a person to warm his feet has been invented.

By an electrical refining process a plant in Norway is producing 6,000 tons of zinc annually.

During the first half of last year more than \$22,000,000 worth of diamonds were produced in South Africa.

A trap has been invented to catch rats as they try to enter a ship by climbing a hawser as it is moored in port.

A new instrument accurately records the steam pressure at all times during a vessel's voyage no matter of how long duration.

The United States marketed 1,731 short tons of asbestos of domestic production last year, a gain of 39 per cent from the year before.

An Italian inventor has taken out a British patent on an egg holder which may be fastened to the edge of an ordinary dinner plate.

India ranks sixth among the world's cotton yarn manufacturers, having 6,800,000 spindles. Three-fourths of these are in the Bombay presidency.

A Russian inventor's swimming suit has compartments for food, a weighted keel to keep the wearer upright in water, and fins on the legs to help him swim.—Ex.

Street Visits State Capital.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 31.—Col. H. M. Street, the venerable and distinguished patriot and citizen of Mississippi, whom Meridian and Lauderdale county claim as their own, but in whose history and achievements the whole state shares, was a visitor at the capital Tuesday. Daring his visit to the state house Col. Street had a pleasant and interesting chat with R. E. Wilson, state auditor, the main topic of conversation being the constitutional convention of 1890 of which Col. Street was a member and Mr. Wilson was secretary. They discussed men and incidents of that historic period with recollections as keen as though 26 years had not passed over the heads of its actors. They compared notes, to find just how many of its members are still in the flesh, to ascertain that of the 132 constitution builders of 1890 just 33 are now living, the most recent death being that of John R. Baird a few days ago at Columbus who was a delegate from Sunflower county.

Will Engage In Stock Raising.

Mr. W. H. Sherrod, who for the past nine years has held the position of cashier of the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company, resigned his position on September 1st to engage in stock raising and farming. The Columbus Railway Light and Power Company was organized July 1st 1907 by Mr. R. W. Watson and Mr. S. W. Greenland, they having purchased the holdings of the old company and Mr. Will Sherrod was employed by them as cashier. Since that time many changes have taken place with both officials and employees and on July 1st, 1916, only three employees who started with the company nine years ago were still with them, they were: W. H. Sherrod, cashier; W. W. Perry, chief lineman; B. H. Scott, street car conductor. Truly time works wondrous changes. In the future all office work will be done by the bookkeeper, Mr. N. B. McCrary and the stenographer, Miss Joe Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stephenson, of Caldonia, left Thursday for a visit to Stafford Springs.

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Mr. Charley Lance Dies.

Mr. Charley Lance, a prominent citizen of Mayhew, passed away at an early hour Friday morning, the cause of his death having been from heart failure. Besides a devoted wife, he is survived by two children, and other, further removed relatives, who have the heartfelt sympathy of numerous friends in their bereavment.

Mrs. Wakefield Dies.

The friends of Mr. Will Wakefield, brother of our fellow citizen, Mr. P. H. Wakefield, who formerly lived here, but is now a resident of San Antonio, Texas, will regret to hear of the death of his wife, which occurred there last Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Leigh of Columbus came to Carrollton Tuesday, and is visiting Mrs. Robert Gray. Her many friends in Carrollton are delighted to welcome her. Miss Leigh felt she must see her Carrollton friends again before beginning her school work at Meridian the coming season. She will be greatly missed in our own school here.—Carrollton News.

Misses Myrtle Finch and Gay Cooper, of Eupora, are the attractive guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Phillips, several miles east of Columbus. These young ladies were honored with a pretty party Friday evening given at Mt. Vernon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Heard.

Mrs. Sim T. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hollinsworth, and Miss Laura Sparks, were among those from the Dunbar neighborhood who visited the city yesterday.

Mrs. M. H. Woodward and little daughter, Eleanor, of Louisville are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jacob.

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Mr. Johnnie McGill of New York City is visiting friends in this city.

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The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County.

To L. A. Free, postoffice address unknown:

You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Lowndes in said State, on the first Monday of October A. D. 1916, to defend the suit of Mrs. Pearl Free, wherein you are an accendant.

This, the 27th day of July, A. D. 1916.
B. A. LINCOLN, Clerk,
Z. P. GOOLSBY, D. C.

Trustee's Sale.

The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County

By virtue of the power vested in me as Trustee in a certain Deed of Trust, made and delivered on the 31st day of August, 1911, by Alex Harris, Jr., to secure the payment to Mrs. E. B. Stinson of certain indebtedness therein mentioned, record of which said Deed of Trust is made in the office of the Chancery

Clerk of said county and state, in Deed Book, Numbered 96, Page 128, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Court House door in the town of Columbus, said state and county, on Saturday, the 9th day of September, 1916, within legal hours, the following property, to-wit:

All of that part of the Northwest quarter of Square Number 84, north of Main street in City of Columbus, Mississippi, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the western line of said square, 110 feet south of the Northwest corner of said square, thence south 55 feet, thence east one hundred and ten feet parallel with North line of said square, thence north 55 feet, thence west 110 feet to beginning. Same being leasehold property from Trustees of Franklin Academy for 99 years from Aug. 1, 1821, renewable forever.

The title to the above property believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as vested in me as Trustee under said Deed of Trust.

C. L. LINCOLN,
Trustee.
Columbus, Miss., August 16, 1916.

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